GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:451
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ERADICATION OF LEPROSY
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether for complete eradication of leprosy, the Government propose to detect leprosy patients in the country by going door to door;

(b) whether any directions have been issued by the Government in this regard to the States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the target is likely to be achieved?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)to(d) A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 451 FOR 24.4.2002

Under National Leprosy Eradication Programme, World Bank assisted second phase project is being implemented which will be ending on 31st March, 2004. It is planned to achieve elimination of leprosy at national level by reducing the prevalence rate to less than 1 case per 10,000 people by end of the project period. The Strategy involves carrying out elimination campaigns, massive IEC campaigns, decentralization of responsibilities to the States/UTs and integration of leprosy with General Health Care. One Leprosy elimination campaign has been conducted during last year and one more will be taken up in the current year. This involves active case detection i.e. house-to-house search in high endemic States and passive case detection in remaining States/UTs. During the elimination campaign, intensive awareness involving community is carried out to detect the hidden cases in the country. Guidelines for carrying out this campaign for current year have already been sent to all the States/UTs.